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I did not attend the staff meeting this morning but read [redacted] papers in preparation for a meeting with Foster Dulles. Doc and I spent most of the morning with him and with Mr. Morton, a former Congressman from Kentucky who has managed John Cooper's recent senatorial campaign in that State. Apparently, Morton is to be an Assistant Secretary, but it has not yet been decided in what area. We talked over a lot of organization matters, and I gave them [redacted] briefing books and papers.

I went to see the President, and told him of what was going on in regard to the Arab-Palestine dispute at the UN.

Messrs. Foster, Kirk and I had lunch with General Smith and transacted [redacted] PSB business.

This afternoon, I talked to Harold Linder about [redacted] the NSC decision yesterday in connection with the oil cartel suit. He also talked to me about the quota limitations on imports of dried whole milk, dried cream, and dried buttermilk which the Department of Commerce intends to impose next week. This is [redacted] bad from a foreign political standpoint, and I telephoned Charlie Brannan to see whether he would not alter his decision. He has agreed to postpone his announcement until next Wednesday. Meanwhile, we shall make further protests to him.

Carl Humelsine talked to me about [redacted] matters he is to take up with Foster Dulles this afternoon.

Loy Henderson came [redacted] to say good [redacted] we went over the recent developments [redacted] the Iranian problem.

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Eddie Miller had a [redacted] talk with me about conditions in Latin America, and certain recommendations to be made to Foster Dulles concerning personnel there.

Tonight we had dinner with the de Largentayes.

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